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PROBE LIGHT

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This is in response to the Office Action dated August 9, 2006. In the Office Action, all pending claims 1-27 were rejected. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

On Page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bertness (US 6,316,914) in view of Applicant's own admitted prior art on page 11.

Claim 1 includes "a probe light configured to couple to at least one of the first and second Kelvin connections, the probe light having a longitudinal axis that is oriented generally toward an end, of one of the first and second Kelvin connections, that couples to one of the first and second terminals of the battery."

The Office Action first acknowledges that the cited prior art does not show the abovenoted feature of claim 1, but goes on to state that separate lighting equipment and battery testers